

Financial Assistance to West Bengal**2607. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to provide financial assistance to the Government of West Bengal to tide over its financial distress;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c). Usual flow of funds on account of share in Central taxes, Central assistance for State Plan schemes (excluding Rs. 135 crores shown as special plan loan subject to approval of Ministry of Finance), small savings loan, plan revenue deficit grant, Centre's contribution to State Calamity Relief Fund and Centrally sponsored schemes is being made to the State. Whenever necessary, some advance releases of State's entitlements will also be made to help the State tide over their temporary Ways & Means difficulties. No other type of assistance is proposed to be given to the State during the current financial year.

[Translation]

Allocation of Amount to Rajasthan from Central Road Fund

2608. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to Rajasthan from the Central Road Fund during the last three years;

(b) the details of amount sanctioned for different projects; and

(c) the target fixed for construction of roads in Rajasthan and the details regarding the allocation proposed to be made from the Central Road Fund during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The amounts allocated to Rajasthan from Central Road Fund during last three years are as under:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Amount allocated (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
1988-89	15.00
1989-90	161.00
1990-91	207.00

(b) Projects costing Rs. 22.00 crores were sanctioned during the period comprising of 56 road projects of Rs. 2003.00 lakhs and 5 bridge projects of Rs. 285.00 lakhs subject to actual augmentation of Central Road Fund.

(c) The allocation proposed to be made during the 8th Plan period for Rajasthan will depend upon actual augmentation of Central Road Fund which is yet to take place. The targets of the State Government for construction of these works will also depend upon the actual allocations made from year to year.

Setting up of Madhya Pradesh High Court Bench at Bhopal

2609. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Union Government to setup a bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court at Bhopal;

(b) if so, the present position thereof; and

(c) the time by which this bench is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir. No proposal has been sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the light of recommendations of the Jaswant Singh Commission.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

(English)

Construction of Roads and Bridges in Kerala with Assistance of International Financial Institutions

2610. SHRI T.J. ANJALOSE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be please to state:

(a) whether some international financial institutions are providing loan assistance for the construction of bridges and roads in Kerala;

(b) if so, the names of the roads proposed to be constructed and the length thereof;

(c) the names of the financial institutions and the amount of assistance being provided by them;

(d) the time schedule for the construc-

tion work of these roads and bridges; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the completion of construction work within the scheduled time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e). The Asian Development Bank has agreed to finance four lanning of NH-47 from Always bypass to Vytilla (16 Kms) and Aroor to Sherthaia and strengthening of existing two lane from Vytilla to Aroor (10 Kms) in Kerala. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 56.63 crores and Asian Development Bank assistance would not exceed US \$ 22.06 million. The work is yet to be sanctioned and is expected to be completed in a period of 4 years after start.

Bank Robberies and Frauds in Nationalised Banks in Gujarat

2611. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of bank robberies and frauds took place in Jamnagar and Bhavnagar districts of Gujarat from January 1, 1990 to October 31, 1991;

(b) the loss of life and property in the cases of bank robberies and the manner in which compensation has been made in each cases'

(c) whether some employees are involved in the fraud cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken or proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e). As per available informa-